

RESOLUTION NO. R2015-004

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, expressing support for the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements on the April 28, 2015, Special Election Ballot.

WHEREAS, voters residing within the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District, which consists of the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Tumwater, will be presented with a proposition authorizing a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent to fund transportation improvements at the Special Election on April 28, 2015, with the following official Ballot Title:

**TUMWATER TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT,
TUMWATER, WASHINGTON
SALES AND USE TAX FOR
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS**

The Tumwater City Council, serving as the Board of the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District, Tumwater, Washington, adopted Resolution 2015-002 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements within the District. This proposition would approve a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax to be collected for ten years. Revenues would fund a repair, maintenance and improvement program for existing City streets and associated infrastructure including rebuilding, repaving, sealing, patching and other methods to improve and extend the life of pavement, bridges, drainage facilities and pedestrian improvements including repair or replacement of sidewalks and construction of curb ramps in conjunction with authorized pavement work all as provided in Resolution 2015-002.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved.....
- Rejected.....

WHEREAS, the City has identified the sales and use tax as an authorized source of revenue identified in Chapter 36.73 RCW to finance the transportation capital improvements identified in Tumwater Municipal Code 12.42.040 (Ordinance No. O2014-019); and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the sales and use tax will apply to persons who shop and thereby use the roads in the City of Tumwater and not just City residents; and

WHEREAS, the sales and use tax, which is estimated to generate approximately \$812,000.00 of revenue in the first year, will be used entirely to fund a repair, maintenance and improvement program for existing city streets and associated infrastructure including rebuilding, repaving, sealing, patching and other methods to improve and extend the life of pavement, bridges, drainage facilities and pedestrian improvements including repair or replacement of sidewalks and construction of curb ramps in conjunction with authorized pavement work and other transportation projects identified in Ordinance No. O2014-019 creating the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District; and

WHEREAS, the City's street system comprises its single most valuable asset with a replacement value of almost \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the street system is a basic necessity to be provided by the City in order to provide for the health and safety of our citizens and for a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal transportation funding has significantly declined in recent years; and

WHEREAS, prior citizen initiatives to eliminate the motor vehicle excise tax have significantly impacted the City of Tumwater's ability to finance the maintenance, repair and preservation of the street system. As a result, the condition of City streets have declined and deferred maintenance costs have climbed; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted as a Strategic Priority the maintenance of the City's transportation system including the implementation of funding strategies necessary to fund this maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements, if passed, are limited to repair, maintenance and improvements to City streets and associated infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Washington State law allows city councils to express collective support or opposition to ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater held a properly noticed public hearing on April 7, 2015, at a regularly scheduled Tumwater City Council meeting to allow the public, those in favor and those in opposition, the opportunity to comment on Resolution No. R2015-004, in support of the Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of its residents and the City to express its collective position in support of the Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Tumwater City Council supports the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements which will be presented to voters at a Special Election on April 28, 2015.

Section 2. The City of Tumwater City Council hereby urges citizens to vote yes on the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements on April 28, 2015.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

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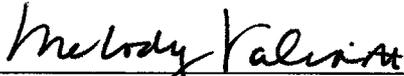
RESOLVED this 7th day of April, 2015.

CITY OF TUMWATER



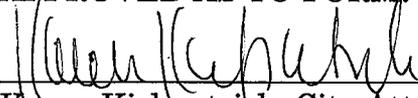
Pete Kmet, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney